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7. (Amended) The liver function protecting or improving agent according to any of Claims 1 to [6] 5, which is administered orally.

8. (Amended) The liver function protecting or improving agent according to any of claims 1 to [7] 5, wherein the liver function is a function affected by alcohol.

16. (Amended) The food and drink according to any of Claims 9 to [15] 11, wherein the extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae is an alcoholic extract of the residue of an aqueous medium extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae.

24. (Amended) The feed according to any of Claims 17 to [23] 19, wherein the extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae is an alcoholic extract of the residue of an aqueous medium extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae.

31. (Amended) The additive for foods and drinks according to [any of] Claims 25 [to 30] or 26, wherein the extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae is an alcoholic extract of the residue of an aqueous medium extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae.

38. (Amended) The feed additive according to [any of] claims 32 [to 37] or 33, wherein the extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae is an alcoholic extract of the residue of an aqueous medium extract of the plant of the family Saxifragaceae.

42. (Amended) The method according to [any of] Claims 39 [to 41] or 40, wherein the liver function is a function affected by alcohol.

43. (Amended) A method protecting or improving liver function in an animal, which comprises feeding the animal with the liver function protecting or improving agent according to any of Claims 1 to [8] 5 or the feed according to any of Claims 17 to [24] 19.

51. (Amended) The good and drink of feed according to any of Claims 45 to [50] 49, wherein the liver function the liver function is a function affected by alcohol.